

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

NOVEMBER 30, 2010

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA ITEM 72 (FIRE CODE)

In recent years, we have seen a dramatic decline in the number of feature films produced within California, and even more so in Los Angeles County. Movie projects can move, and when they do, they take with them millions of dollars in lost local spending and much needed jobs.

The entertainment industry produces more than 42,000 direct jobs with revenues of 21.5 billion dollars. For every direct job created, there were 2.7 other jobs indirectly created by the economic activity spurred by the film production. The entertainment industry's impact on the Los Angeles County economy is estimated at 57 billion U.S. dollars a year.

Many production companies are not major corporations but rather small businesses that generate jobs through preproduction, post production and related filming activities. With an unemployment rate of 12.6 percent, Los Angeles County should not raise fees on businesses that create jobs.

This week the Board is increasing fire filming permit fees by as much as 400% in some cases. It is my understanding that the Public Works Department, as well as several other County departments will be asking the Board to substantially increase film permit fees in the near future. Yet, the Board has not received a comprehensive report on the total impact of all the proposed and recently adopted increases on filming.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a comprehensive report on the total amount of fees charged to film production companies and provide a recommendation that takes into consideration the size of the production on the amount of the fee charged.

I, FURTHER MOVE that the report be provided to the Board prior to requesting increased fees.

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